

Service of Process Transmittal

06/14/2021

CT Log Number 539731343

TO: Michael Johnson, Legal Assistant

The Hartford

1 Hartford Plz, HO-1-09 Hartford, CT 06155-0001

RE: Process Served in Missouri

**FOR:** Navigators Insurance Company (Domestic State: NY)

#### ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTION: Prince Telecom, LLC, Pltf./Petitioner vs. Total Quality Assurance Cable Specialists,

Inc., Dft./Respondent // To: Navigators Insurance Company

**DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:** Letter, Summons, Petition

**COURT/AGENCY:** 19th Judicial Circuit - Cole County, MO

Case # 21ACCC00174

**ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED:** C T Corporation System, Clayton, MO

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE: By Certified Mail on 06/14/2021 postmarked on 05/27/2021

JURISDICTION SERVED: Missouri

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE: Within 30 days after service

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S): Carl James Lumley

130 South Bemistón

Suite 200

St. Louis, MO 63105-1913

**ACTION ITEMS:** CT has retained the current log, Retain Date: 06/15/2021, Expected Purge Date:

06/20/2021

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**REGISTERED AGENT ADDRESS:** C T Corporation System

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120 S. CENTRAL AVE. CLAYTON, MO 63105

FIRST CLASS MAIL

### Department of Commerce and Insurance



TO: Corporate Secretary (or United States Manager or Last Appointed General Agent) of

NAVIGATORS INSURANCE COMPANY 120 S. CENTRAL AVE.

CLAYTON, MO 63105

RE: Court: Cole Co. Circuit Court, Case Number: 21AC-CC00174

You will take notice that original process in the suit against you, a copy of which is attached hereto and sent to you by certified mail, was duly served upon you at Jefferson City, Missouri, by serving the same on the Director of the Department of Commerce and Insurance of the state of Missouri, Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri this Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

Director of Commerce and Insurance



### IN THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, COLE COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division:		Case Number: 21AC-CC00174		
JON EDWARD BEETEM			SDP REC	EIPT DATE
Plaintiff/Petitioner:		Plaintiff's/Petitioner's Attorney/Address		
PRINCE TELECOM, LLC		CARL JAMES LUMLEY	. ΜΔΥ	2 6 2021
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	VS.	ST LOUIS, MO 63105-1913	COMMERCE A	AND INSURANCE
Defendant/Respondent:		Court Address:		
TOTAL QUALITY ASSUR	RANCE CABLE	PO BOX 1870		
SPECIALIST, INC		301 E HIGH ST		
Nature of Suit:		JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65101		
CC Breach of Contract			(Date	File Stamp)
	Su	mmons in Civil Case		
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	Alias:			
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301 WEST HIGH ST., ROOM 5 JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65101	30	•		
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COLE COUNTY	<i>Friday, May 1</i> Date	4, 2021	Clerk	
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Non Est	\$			
Sheriff's Deputy Salary	•			
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		ust be served on <b>each</b> defendant/respondent. F	or methods of serv	ice on all
classes of suits, see Supre	eme Court Rule 54.			

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COLE COUNTY MISSOURI NINETEENTH CIRCUIT COURT

PRINCE TELECOM, LLC	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No.
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TOTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CAE	BLE )	Division
SPECIALISTS, INC.	)	
	)	
Serve: Registered Agents Inc.	)	
117 S. Lexington St, Suite 100 Harrisonville, MO 64701	)	٠
And	)	
	)	
NAVIGATORS INSURANCE COMPA	NY )	
	)	
Serve: Director, Missouri Dept of Insura 301 W. High St, Room 530	ance )	
Jefferson City, MO 65101	)	
Defendant	s. )	

## PETITION FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT, CONTRIBUTION AND DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

COMES NOW, Plaintiff Prince Telecom, LLC and for its Petition against Total Quality

Assurance Cable Specialists, Inc., and Navigators Insurance Company states to the Court:

- 1. Plaintiff Prince Telecom, LLC f/k/a Prince Telecom, Inc. (herein "Prince") is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and authorized to conduct business in the State of Missouri.
- 2. Defendant Total Quality Assurance Cable Specialists, Inc. (herein "TQA") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota and authorized to conduct business in the State of Missouri. Its registered office is located in Cass County, Missouri and it may be served upon its registered agent at the service address stated above.
- 3. Defendant Navigators Insurance Company (herein "Navigators") is an insurance company organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York and authorized to conduct business in the State of Missouri. It may be served upon the Director of the Missouri Department of Insurance at the service address stated above.
  - 4. Venue in this court is proper pursuant to Section 508.010 RSMo.
- 5. On or about December 24, 2013, TQA entered into a Subcontract Agreement (herein the "Contract") with Prince regarding the installation of telecommunications facilities as an independent contractor of Prince, which served as a master agreement for individual work orders released by Prince to TQA. Under the Contract, Price engaged TQA to perform certain work as specified in individual work orders and promised to pay compensation to TQA for such work.
- 6. On or about January 20, 2021, Prince learned of the personal injury claim of Sue Arensberg (herein the "Arensberg Claim") which involves allegations of injuries and damages resulting from an alleged trip and fall on or about December 18, 2020 over telecommunications facilities installed by TQA for Prince pursuant to the Contract at or near 4801 N. 64<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri.

- 7. Pursuant to the Contract, TQA agreed to defend at its cost, indemnify and hold harmless Prince, its customers (project owners) and their lenders, and their respective parents (direct and indirect), subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, agents, servants, and employees from and against claims, liabilities suits, actions, legal proceedings, awards, judgments, damages, damage, and injury of any kind to all persons and property including all settlement sums, fines, penalties, losses, costs and expenses including attorney's fees and costs and expense of litigation and investigation caused by, resulting from or arising out of the work of TQA and others it employs to perform such work under the Contract.
- 8. Pursuant to the aforesaid indemnification provisions of the Contract, TQA is obligated to defend at its cost, indemnify and hold harmless Prince, its affiliates including Lambert's Cable Splicing Company, LLC, and Ervin Cable Construction, LLC, and Prince's customer, the project owner, Google Fiber, Inc., from and against the Arensberg Claim.
- 9. On information and belief, Navigators issued a general liability policy to TQA to insure against claims arising from or related to TQA's work under the Contract, with a coverage period that includes the Arensberg Claim (herein the "Policy").
- 10. Under the Contract, TQA was required to name Prince, and its aforesaid customer and affiliates as Additional Insureds covered by the Policy.
- 11. On information and belief, Prince, its aforesaid customer and affiliates are Additional Insureds covered by the Policy.
- 12. According to the Contract, the aforesaid indemnification and insurance provisions of the Contract survive completion of TQA's work.
- 13. On or about February 23, 2021 Prince tendered the Arensberg Claim to TQA and its insurers including Navigators for defense.

14. To date, TQA and its insurers, including Navigators, have failed to take up the defense of the Arensberg Claim and implicitly have denied their obligations under the Contract and the Policy.

# COUNT I – BREACH OF CONTRACT AGAINST TQA – INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND DAMAGES

- 15. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the averments of paragraphs 1-14 as if more fully set forth herein.
  - 16. Prince has fully performed its obligations under the Contract.
- 17. By failing to take up the defense of the Arensberg Claim and implicitly denying its obligation to do so, TQA has failed to perform and breached the Contract. In the event TQA failed to have Prince and its aforesaid customer and affiliates named as Additional Insureds on the Policy, it is in further failure to perform and breach of the Contract.
- 18. As a direct result of TQA's aforesaid breach, Prince has sustained and will continue to sustain injury and damages and irreparable harm, in that it has had to defend itself, its aforesaid customer and affiliates from the Arensberg Claim, thereby incurring attorney's fees, costs and expenses.
- 19. Prince and its customer and affiliates are exposed to additional damages and irreparable harm resulting from TQA's breach, such as the potential judgment that could result from prosecution of the Arensberg Claim, or any settlement that might be reached related thereto.
- 20. An award of damages herein would not be an adequate and sufficient remedy for TQA's aforesaid breach of the Contract, and Prince does not have an adequate remedy at law. In

the Contract, TQA agreed that any breach of the Contract by it would cause irreparable harm to Prince, that Prince is entitled to injunctive relief regarding any such breach, waived any defense asserting adequate remedy at law or breach by Prince, and waived posting of bond or security.

21. As a result of its breach of the Contract, TQA is also liable to Prince for all attorney's fees, costs and expenses incurred herein, as provided in the Contract.

WHEREFORE, Prince prays that the Court issue a preliminary and permanent injunction, without bond, compelling TQA to take up the defense of the Arensberg Claim and otherwise fulfill its contractual obligations to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Prince, its customer and affiliates from and against the Arensberg Claim, award judgment in favor of Prince and against TQA for damages in such amount proven at trial which are anticipated to exceed \$25,000.00, including all attorney's fees, costs and expenses incurred herein and in defense of the Arensberg Claim, and for such other and further relief as the Court deems meet and proper.

### COUNT II AGAINST TQA – CONTRIBUTION

- 22. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the averments of paragraphs 1-21 as if more fully set forth herein.
- 23. While Prince denies liability under the Arensberg Claim, .in the event that Sue Arensberg proves the Arensberg Claim and obtains a judgment against Prince, its aforesaid customer or affiliates, such liability will arise solely or partially from the negligence of TQA regarding its installation of telecommunications facilities pursuant to the Contract.
- 24. Accordingly, Prince will be entitled to contribution from TQA towards any amount it may be required to pay on the Arensberg Claim.

WHEREFORE, Price prays the Court to award judgment in its favor and against TQA in the amount of any judgment issued against Prince, its customer or affiliates on the Arensberg Claim, and for such other and further relief as the Court deems meet and proper.

#### COUNT III AGAINST NAVIGATORS - DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

- 25. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the averments of paragraphs 1-24 as if more fully set forth herein.
- 26. Navigators has breached the Policy(ies) by failing to defend and hold harmless Prince and its customer and affiliates from and against the Arensberg Claim and implicitly denying coverage thereof.
- 27. Prince asserts it is covered as an Additional Insured under the Policy(ies) on the Arensberg Claim and has complied with all requirements of the Policy(ies) for coverage on the Arensberg Claim to the best of its ability, given that it has not been provided with a copy(ies) thereof.
- 28. There is a justiciable controversy between Prince and Navigators regarding their dispute over coverage of the Arensberg Claim under the Policy(ies).
- 29. The Court should declare that Prince and its customer and affiliates are covered insureds under the Policy(ies) regarding the Arensberg Claim.
- 30. The Court should enjoin and direct Navigators to assume the defense of the Arensberg Claim and fulfill completely its indemnity obligations under the Policy(ies) to Prince and its customer and affiliates.

31. Prince will suffer irreparable harm unless Navigator assume the defense of the Arensberg Claim and indemnifies Prince and its customer and affiliates against the Arensberg Claim pursuant to the Policy(ies). Prince has no adequate remedy at law absent such declaration and enjoinder but, nonetheless, the Court should award judgment for any and all damages sustained by Price as a result of Navigators breach of the Policy.

WHEREFORE, Prince prays that the Court issue a preliminary and permanent injunction, without bond, compelling Navigators to take up the defense of the Arensberg Claim and otherwise fulfill its insurance obligations to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Prince, its customer and affiliates from and against the Arensberg Claim, award judgment in favor of Prince and against Navigators for damages in such amount proven at trial which are anticipated to exceed \$25,000.00, including all attorney's fees, costs and expenses incurred herein and in defense of the Arensberg Claim, and for such other and further relief as the Court deems meet and proper.

Respectfully Submitted,

CURTIS, HEINZ, GARRETT & O'KEEFE,

P.C